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**New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Early Intervention (BEI) Electronic Mailing List**

Qualified Personnel in the Early Intervention Program

Dear Colleague:

The New York State Department of Health Bureau of Early Intervention is pleased to announce the release of four documents related to the use of Qualified Personnel (QP) in the Early Intervention Program. The documents are:

- *Early Intervention Qualified Personnel Guidance Document*
- *Qualified Personnel Questions and Answers*
- *QP MATRIX*
- *Early Intervention Qualified Providers Documentation Requirements*

The documents provide clarification about who can deliver Early Intervention Program services, what services each professional can deliver, supervision requirements, and documentation requirements in the Early Intervention Program. The documents provide statewide program guidance to promote consistency in service delivery, align with Early Intervention Program regulation and the Early Intervention Program Medicaid State Plan (18-0039), and provide clarification for any changes from current practice. The documents are currently available on the NYS Department of Health Early Intervention program webpage

at: health.ny.gov/community/infants_children/early_intervention/memoranda.htm.

Below are some highlights of important information regarding the Early Intervention Program and implementation dates. Please review all the documents for detailed information.

| Highlights: | Implementation dates: |
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| Six (6) new professions added as Qualified Personnel: Licensed Behavior Analysts (LBA) | El-Hub launch (10/15/2024) |

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| <p>Certified Behavior Analyst Assistants (CBAA)</p> <p>Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC)</p> <p>Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT)</p> <p>Licensed Psychoanalyst</p> <p>Licensed Creative Arts Therapists</p> | <p>Services listed per the QP Matrix (immediately available)</p> |
| <p>Applied Behavior Analyst Services (ABA Services) is an available service type in the data system that can be authorized to LBAs and CBAAAs.</p> | <p>EI-Hub Launch (10/24/2024)</p> |
| <p>Highlights:</p> | <p>Implementation dates:</p> |
| <p>'Special instruction' as a service type is delivered by qualified individuals possessing the following certification issued by the State Education Department pursuant to State regulations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · special education teachers · teachers of students with disabilities - birth to grade two · teachers of the blind and partially sighted · teachers of the blind and visually handicapped · teachers of the blind and visually impaired · teachers of the deaf and hard of hearing · teachers of the deaf and hearing impaired · teachers of the speech and hearing handicap (TSHH) · teachers of students with speech language disabilities (TSSLD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For children in the EIP with active Individualized Family Service Plans (IFSPs), at the child's next IFSP review or annual IFSP meeting, current authorizations should be reviewed and revised if needed. • No later than 09/01/2026, new initial IFSPs developed should be created in the correct manner. • No later than 03/31/2027, all service authorizations must comply with this requirement. <p>Please review the communication titled <i>Bureau of Early Intervention Program Guidance Regarding the</i></p> |

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| | <i>Delivery of Special Instruction Services and Applied Behavior Analyst (ABA) Services for instructions about Special Instruction and ABA services.</i> |
| Occupational therapy assistants may perform occupational therapy evaluations if competent and under the direction of a licensed occupational therapist. | Services listed per the QP Matrix (immediately available) |
| Social Workers may be authorized to provide psychological services in the data system. | Service listed per the QP Matrix (immediately available) |
| Individuals who have a “Limited Permit” issued by NYS are no longer eligible to continue to work in the EIP. | As of 4/1/2027 |
| Documentation Requirements for session notes, log notes, script requirements. | 2/14/2024 Regulation with an implementation date of 9/01/2024 |

Questions regarding this communication may be sent by email to the Bureau of Early Intervention Provider Unit at Provider@health.ny.gov.

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Thank you.